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Nordic Master

NORDIC MASTER 2018

**Information session for applicants
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CALL FOR PROPOSALS 2018

- DL 31 October 2018
- Support for 4 Nordic Master programmes
- Up to 1,5 MDKK (appr. 200 000 €)/programme
- For developing and preparation max 375 000 DKK (appr. 50 000 €), the rest for implementation
- 4 -year contract

BACKGROUND

- NCM's globalization initiatives started in 2007, Nordic Master as a pilot programme one of many initiatives
- Since 2007, 7 calls and 30 programmes funded, covering many different subject areas. Funding mostly for development.
- Evaluations, students surveys and working committee: permanent programme + more focus on implementation and complementarity with Nordplus
- NCM made a final decision on a more permanent programme period for the years 2017-2021
- EDUFI acts as the responsible administrator

OBJECTIVES (1/2)

- to internationalise higher education in the Nordic Region through collaboration between Nordic and non-Nordic students from Europe and beyond
- to develop and facilitate cooperation between higher education institutions (HEIs) in the Nordic Region through systematic attention to solving hindrances and challenges in organising joint programmes
- to offer support to joint master programmes that are based on excellence and high quality

OBJECTIVES (2/2)

- to support joint programmes that are research-based and offer good opportunities for graduates to careers in research as well as in non-academic working life
- to develop collaboration between HEIs, industry and labour market in the Nordic Region
- to reach good and measurable results in students' learning outcomes (knowledge, competences, skills)
- to help students and other participants to create useful networks

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

- HEIs in the Nordic Countries and Faroe Islands, Greenland and Åland
- Recognised by competent national authorities
- Offer research-based education at second-cycle level (scientific and artistic research)
- At least 3 HEIs from 3 different programme countries

FORMAL CRITERIA

- Comply with current national (institutional) regulations (accreditation)
- Research based, 120 ECTS
- Min. 30 ECTS/HEI
- Mobility, 30 ECTS, can be partly virtual
- Joint Degree or Multiple Degrees, fully recognised by national authorities in countries of the degree awarding HEIs
- Cooperation regulated by an agreement

SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES

- Development and preparation: all necessary activities in order to develop and start the joint programme
- Implementation

FUNDING RULES

- Development/preparation: signed contract -> 225 000 - 375 000 DKK (30 000-50 000 €)
- Implementation: list of students (1st instalment: in addition a copy of signed agreement) max 375 000 DKK/academic year

QUALITY / ASSESSMENT CRITERIA (1/5)

Relevance

- With regard to the objectives of the Nordic Master set by the NCM
- Added value of the **joint** programme
- Learning Outcomes, employability/possibilities for graduates on PhD level
- Innovative features
- Nordic added value
- Links to Nordic research entities/PhD programmes/working life

QUALITY / ASSESSMENT CRITERIA (2/5)

Joint curriculum design

- Based on Learning Outcomes
- Relevant teaching and assessment methods
- Each partner contributes to the joint curriculum
- Strong commitment from all partners

QUALITY / ASSESSMENT CRITERIA (3/5)

Joint Management

- **Joint** programmes are **jointly** managed
- Joint bodies (coordination, Admission/selection, academic affairs, QA, etc.).
- External and internal QA systems and procedures
- Tuition fee policy!
- Agreement
- Coordination in all participating institutions (local coordinators)

QUALITY / ASSESSMENT CRITERIA (4/5)

Students

- Students as target group: well defined
- Plan for marketing the programme
- Relevant information and support to the students
- Study environment: interaction

QUALITY / ASSESSMENT CRITERIA (5/5)

Sustainability

- Strategy/plan for time after external funding (NM)

A PIECE OF ADVICE (1/2):

- there are cases of successful joint programmes running with Nordic Master funding
- the programme needs not to be fully planned and ready to start (start 2019/20 or 2020/21): flexibility
- If you feel that your programme is too far away to meet the criteria now: apply support for developing from Nordplus Higher Education (annual calls, DL 1.2)
- Extension of partnership to Baltic countries: additional funding for them can be applied from Nordplus Higher Education

A PIECE OF ADVICE (2/2):

- Implementation: use Erasmus + for mobility, possibilities also for Nordplus mobility (especially after NM funding)
- Sustainability: after Nordic Master -> Erasmus Mundus: a possibility

MORE INFORMATION

- Ask your colleagues at your institution!
- Website: www.nordicmaster.org
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- Subscribe to the Nordic Master e-mail list (EDUFI_nordicmaster_highered):
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